

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1083

By Travis

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Heath of Dayton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John Heath; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Heath was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Heath was born on May 2, 1935 in Newport, Vermont, to the late Ben and Alpha Heath; and

WHEREAS, John Heath served his country for three years during the Korean War as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Tennessee in 1957, Mr. Heath attended Edmondson Business School and the University of Chattanooga, where he majored in business administration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Heath served with acumen and alacrity for the Dayton Post Office for thirty-one years; he served for sixteen years as Postmaster, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the Dayton community, Mr. Heath served as a City Councilman for eight years and on the Planning Commission for over twenty years; he was also the president of the Chamber of Commerce and a member and officer of the Dayton Lions Club for over forty years, an achievement for which he was recently honored with an induction into the "Tennessee Lions Hall of Fame"; and

WHEREAS, John Heath was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Heath was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-six year, Barbara; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, Mr. Heath is also survived by his four sons, Perry Heath (Lora), Richard Heath, Scott Heath (Diana), and Steven Heath (Angie); his daughter Janice Heath; his grandchildren, Jason Heath (Kammy), Clint Heath (Debbie), Molly Dawson (Mike), Jennifer Smith, Derek Heath (Brittany), Sarah Heath, Brandon Heath, Michael Bradshaw, Lindsey Heath, and Taylor Heath; his great-grandchildren, Daniel Heath, Lily Heath, Austin Heath, Peyton Heath, Lucy Heath, Andy Heath, Ruthy Heath, Heidi Heath, Adrian Heath, Abel Smith, and Kimmy Smith; his brothers, Bob Heath (Mary) and Henry Heath (Ginny); and a host of nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, John Heath leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John Heath, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Heath.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.